II MEF, NEW BREED, AND MCB FACILITIES MEETING 10/16/2003

1.0 DATE AND TIME.

October 16, 2003.

2.0 LOCATION.

3.0 ATTENDEES.

The following personnel attended:

- LtCol Ermer, II MEF G-3 EngO
- CWO5 Norwood, II MEF NBCO
- Maj Grant, II MEF SupO rep
- LtCol Couser, MCB OpsO for Installations and Environment
- Mr. Loconto, Facilities Utilization Manager
- Mr. Caston, Facility Planner
- Mr. Henningsen, New Breed
- Mr. Safioti, New Breed
- Mr. Robinson, New Breed
- Mr. Litalien, Sverdrup

4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES.

None.

5.0 SCOPE AND PURPOSE.

The New Breed team brought aboard some new people and they spent the day familiarizing themselves with facilities and equipment. Tomorrow they will begin focusing on processes (e. g. IT concerns) and complete their facilities assessment. This morning Eric Henningsen and I visited with CWO5 Norwood and the NBC reps from the Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs). Discussion involved M40 series mask concerns and training allowances. I wanted to ensure they understand that the reason CWO5 Norwood and other senior reps had been asked to visit Quantico next week is to clarify what is being planned and to ensure that we have buy-in from the Operating Forces before moving forward with I&L, the road show, etc....I emphasized that we need their input before moving forward. CWO5 Norwood arranged a meeting between II MEF and MCB facilities personnel and New Breed this afternoon.

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6.0 AGENDA.

None.

7.0 DISCUSSION.

7.1 Concerns.

a. Space Requirement.

The big concern from Lt. Col. Ermer was that MARFORLANT facilities (Mr. Nick Zeoli) provided information that indicates Camp Lejeune requires approx. 129K sq ft to support the base. He added with the need to spt New River the requirement goes up to 135K. I told the group that this estimate was incorrect, and that the actual figure for both Camp Lejeune and New River was approx. 60,000 sq ft, based on assessments made by the NBCD Consolidation IPT (or SLAM). I told them I had no idea where Mr. Zeoli's figure came from, but if they wanted confirmation from a government source at Marine Corps System Command (MARCORSYSCOM) on the 60k figure, they could contact Mr. Zimmerman.

b. Training Allowance (T/A).

There was also some discussion regarding Training Allowance (T/A). There was concern regarding the amount of space needed by units to support T/A. I told them the issue was still being considered, however, there would likely be a requirement no greater that 10% of T/E for units, and that anything beyond, could be drawn from the CSF.

c. PALCON.

We also discussed the PALCON issue, from the standpoint that facilities people need to take the large number of PALCONs needing storage into consideration when planning. It is my opinion that both II MEF and MCB are frustrated with the lack of info provided by LANT so far.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS.

None.

9.0 FUTURE PLANS.

I expect that II MEF will move forward with trying to press LANT for guidance and resolution of the facility issue...they seem eager and spring-loaded to provide support to make this effort work. I also suspect that LtCol Ermer may want to attend the meetings next week to prees the issue.